

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A recording apparatus comprising:
a carriage carrying a recording head thereon
and reciprocally scanning along a recording material;
5 a position detecting sensor disposed on said
carriage for detecting a position of said carriage;
a code strip to be read by said position
detecting sensor;
a guide shaft providing a guide for the
10 scanning of said carriage; and
a guide shaft lifting mechanism for moving up
and down said guide shaft to thereby change a height
position of said carriage,
wherein when said guide shaft is moved up and
15 down, said carriage moves up and down said code strip.
2. A recording apparatus according to Claim 1,
wherein said carriage raises a lower end portion of
said code strip to thereby move up and down said code
20 strip.
3. A recording apparatus according to Claim 2,
wherein in a state in which said carriage is at an
ordinary height, said carriage and the lower end
25 portion of said code strip do not contact with each
other.

4. A recording apparatus according to Claim 2, wherein said code strip has one end thereof mounted with tension given thereto by a resilient member.

5 5. A recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein the upward and downward movement of said code strip is effected only near said position detecting sensor.

10 6. A recording apparatus according to Claim 1, wherein said position detecting sensor is a photosensor.